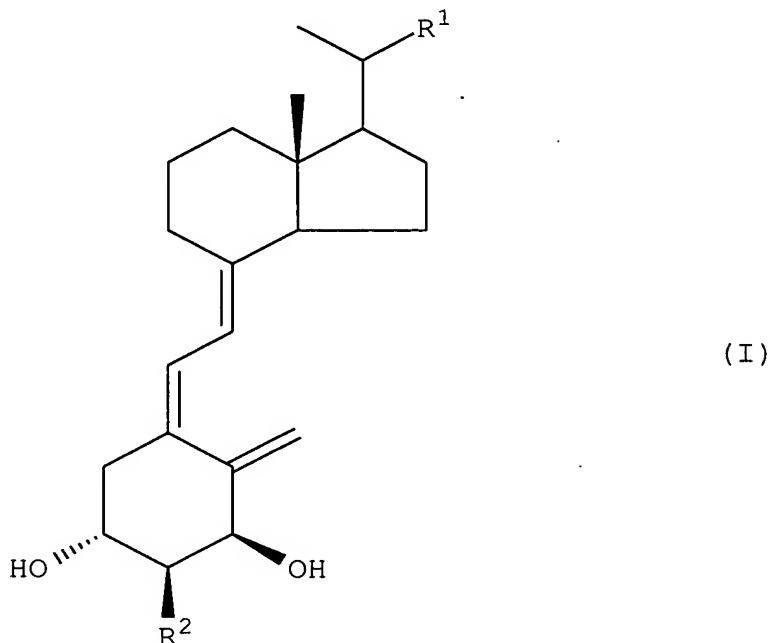


IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A vitamin D
~~derivative~~ compound represented by Formula (I):



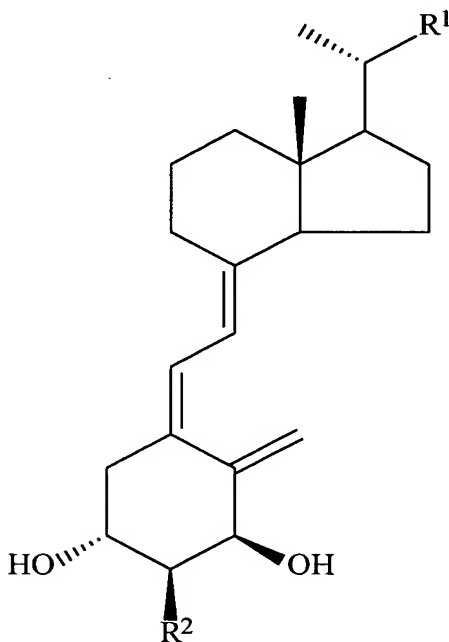
wherein

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R¹ represents ~~a saturated aliphatic C₁₋₁₅ hydrocarbon group~~
~~optionally substituted with 1 to 3 hydroxy or protected~~
~~hydroxy groups~~ 4-hydroxy-4-methylpentyl; and

R² represents ~~a saturated aliphatic C₂₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₃~~
~~hydroxyalkyl group optionally substituted with one or~~
~~more substituents, which may be the same or different and~~
~~which are selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy~~
~~group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a lower alkoxy~~
~~group, an amino group and an acylamino group, provided~~
~~that when R² represents a saturated aliphatic~~
~~C₁ hydrocarbon group, R² is substituted with at least one~~

substituent hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl,
ethyl or butyl.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The vitamin D
derivative compound of claim 1 which is represented by
Formula (II):



(II)

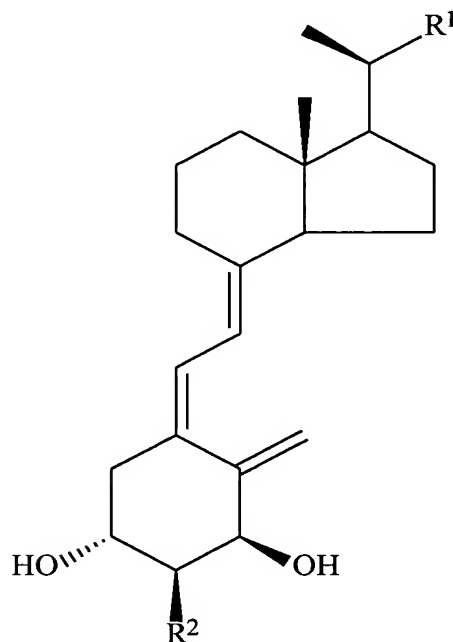
wherein

R¹ represents ~~a saturated aliphatic C₁₋₁₅ hydrocarbon group~~
~~optionally substituted with 1 to 3 hydroxy or protected~~
~~hydroxy groups~~ 4-hydroxy-4-methylpentyl; and

R² represents ~~a C₂₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₃ hydroxyalkyl group~~
~~optionally substituted with one or more substituents,~~
~~which may be the same or different and which are selected~~
~~from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a halogen~~
~~atom, a cyano group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group~~

~~and an acylamino group, provided that when R^2 represents a saturated aliphatic C_1 hydrocarbon group, R^2 is substituted with at least one substituent~~hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, ethyl, or butyl.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The vitamin D
~~derivative~~ compound of claim 1 which is represented by
Formula (III):



(III)

wherein

R^1 represents ~~a saturated aliphatic C_{1-15} hydrocarbon group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 hydroxy or protected hydroxy groups~~4-hydroxy-4-methylpentyl; and

R^2 represents ~~a saturated aliphatic C_{2-4} alkyl is a C_{1-3} hydroxyalkyl group optionally substituted with one or more substituents, which may be the same or different and~~

~~which are selected from the group consisting of a hydroxy group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group and an acylamino group, provided that when R² represents a saturated aliphatic C₁hydrocarbon group, R² is substituted with at least one substituent hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl, ethyl, or butyl.~~

Claims 4-5. (Cancelled)

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Claim 6. (Currently amended) The vitamin D ~~derivative compound~~ according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of
(5Z,7E)-(1S,2S,3R,20R)-9,10-seco-5,7,10(19)-cholestatriene-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3,25-triol,
(5Z,7E)-(1S,2S,3R,20R)-9,10-seco-5,7,10(19)-cholestatriene-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-1,3,25-triol,
(5Z,7E)-(1S,2S,3R,20R)-9,10-seco-5,7,10(19)-cholestatriene-2-(3'-hydroxypropyl)-1,3,25-triol,
(5Z,7E)-(1S,2S,3R,20R)-9,10-seco-5,7,10(19)-cholestatriene-2-ethyl-1,3,25-triol,
(5Z,7E)-(1S,2S,3R,20R)-9,10-seco-5,7,10(19)-cholestatriene-2-propyl-1,3,25-triol, and
(5Z,7E)-(1S,2S,3R,20R)-9,10-seco-5,7,10(19)-cholestatriene-2-butyl-1,3,25-triol.

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Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a vitamin D ~~derivative~~ compound according to any one of claims ~~1, 2, 3 or 6~~ 1, 2 or 3 as an active ingredient.

Claims 8-15. (Cancelled)
